Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 07 Jan 2022 until 23:59 on Saturday 08 Jan 2022

Forecast Issued on Thursday 06 Jan 2022 at 15:25 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Friday, low for timing of clearance of precipitation on Saturday. High for cold and changeable weather to continue for the next few days.

Headline for Friday 07 Jan 2022: Very cold, a few snow showers across the west in the morning

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 07 Jan 2022

Blizzards Low Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** Low Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	40%	40%	20%	20%	00%	00%

Forecast for Friday 07 Jan 2022

Weather: Scattered snow showers in the morning, these most frequent and occasionally heavy west of the A9 during the first part of the morning. The afternoon will become mainly dry with some sunshine, just isolated showers in the west.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%

Visibility: Poor in snow with whiteout conditions in heavy showers at first. Otherwise excellent visibility with great air clarity. Cloud briefly lowering to 750 metres as showers pass by.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	33/43 SW	30/39 W	28/37 W	26/34 W	27/35 W	28/37 W	26/34 W	22/29 W	21/28 SW
900	29/37 SW	25/32 SW	23/30 SW	21/28 SW	22/28 W	21/28 W	19/24 W	17/21 SW	18/24 S
600	20/29 SW	18/26 SW	16/24 SW	15/22 SW	15/22 W	15/22 W	13/19 W	12/17 SW	11/16 SW
300	11/25 SW	9/21 SW	8/21 SW	8/20 SW	9/19 SW	8/17 SW	7/16 SW	7/17 SW	5/14 SW
Glen	5/20 SW	4/19 SW	4/19 SW	4/18 SW	5/18 W	5/18 W	5/18 W	4/15 SW	5/17 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-16	-7/-17	-7/-18	-8/-18	-7/-17	-7/-17	-8/-18	-9/-18	-8/-17
900	-3/-12	-4/-12	-4/-13	-5/-13	-4/-12	-4/-12	-5/-13	-6/-13	-5/-13
600	-1/-8	-2/-8	-2/-9	-2/-8	-2/-8	-2/-8	-2/-8	-3/-9	-3/-8
300	1/-4	0/-4	-1/-5	-1/-5	0/-4	0/-4	-1/-5	-2/-5	-2/-5
Glen	1/-3	0/-3	-1/-4	-1/-5	0/-3	1/-3	-1/-4	-1/-5	-2/-6
Freezing Level*	400m	300m	100m	100m	200m	300m	200m	100m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling bitterly cold, snow may blowing around in the wind at height

Forecast for Saturday 08 Jan 2022
Weather: A band of snow will quickly spread east first thing on Saturday morning, although amounts of snow will be variable. Then drier and clearer weather extending east to leave a bright afternoon with occasional snow showers, these mainly across the west. Feeling very cold in the strong summit winds. Some icy surfaces developing as freezing level rises in the morning.

Maximum wind: Westerly 30 to 40 mph, although southerly 50 to 60 mph at first

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%

Visibility: Poor in cloud down to 500 metres at first, this most extensive in the west and south of the area. Cloud becoming well broken in the afternoon, lowering to 700 metres in showers

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 2 rising to 3 Celsius
At 800m: Minus 3 rising to 1 Celsius for a time, falling back to minus 1 Celsius
Freezing level: 200 metres, rising to 800 to 1000 metres for a short time around the middle of the day, then falling back to 600 metres

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